

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method of operating a building control system, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a user generated event at a field panel of the building control system;  
storing data regarding the received user generated event at the field panel; and  
transmitting the stored data regarding the received user event at the field panel to ~~at~~the workstation.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising, prior to transmitting the stored data:

forwarding, by the field panel, notification of the received user generated event to a workstation of the building control system; and

receiving, by the field panel, a request from the workstation for data regarding the received user generated event.

Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of storing data regarding the user generated events at the field panel includes temporarily storing data regarding the user generated events at the field panel.

Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 3, wherein the user generated events are temporarily stored in a buffer.

Claim 5 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accepting a user generated event at a field panel of the building control system includes accepting a user generated event at a field panel via a user interface of the field panel.

Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
appending identification data to the stored data regarding the received user event at the field panel.

Claim 7 (original). The method of claim 6, wherein the identification data includes user identification, time identification and field panel identification.

Claim 8 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
modifying a field panel database of the field panel with regard to the received user generated event.

Claim 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (currently amended). ~~The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of:~~

In a building control system having a workstation and at least one field panel, a method of operating the building control system comprising the steps of:

detecting a user generated modification to a field panel data element by a field panel of the building control system;

storing data regarding the detected user generated modification to the field panel data element;

appending field panel modification data to the data regarding the detected user generated modification to the field panel data element to define stored appended field modification data;

transmitting, by the field panel, notification of receipt of a user generated modification to the workstation;

transmitting, by the field panel, the stored appended field modification data to the workstation.

Claim 11 (currently amended). The method of claim 9~~10~~, further comprising the step of:

modifying a field panel database with the data regarding a user generated modification to a field element of the field panel.

Claim 12 (currently amended). The method of claim 910, further comprising the step of storing data regarding the detected user generated modification to the field panel data element includes temporarily storing data regarding the user generated modification at the field panel.

Claim 13 (original). The method of claim 12, wherein the data regarding the user generated modification is temporarily stored in a buffer.

Claim 14 (currently amended). A building control system comprising:

a workstation; and

a field panel in communication with the workstation, the field panel including an I/O device connected to communicate with at least one of a group consisting of a building control system actuator and a building control system sensor;

the field panel operative to receive a user generated field panel event, store data regarding the user generated field panel event, append identification data to the stored data regarding the user generated field panel event, and forward the data regarding the user generated field panel event and appended identification data to the workstation.

Claim 15 (currently amended). The system of claim 14, wherein the field panel is further operative to forward notification of receipt by the field panel of atthe user generated field panel event to the workstation after appending the identification data to the stored data regarding the user generated field panel event.

Claim 16 (original). The system of claim 14, wherein the field panel is further operative to temporarily store data regarding the user generated field panel event.

Claim 17 (original). The system of claim 16, wherein the data regarding the user generated field panel event is temporarily stored in a buffer.

Claim 18 (original). The system of claim 17, wherein the field panel is further operative to erase the buffer after forwarding the data regarding the user generated field panel event and appended identification data to the workstation

Claim 19 (currently amended). ~~The system of claim 14,~~ A building control system comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a workstation; and

\_\_\_\_\_ a field panel in communication with the workstation;

\_\_\_\_\_ the field panel operative to receive a user generated field panel event, store data regarding the user generated field panel event, append identification data to the stored data regarding the user generated field panel event, and forward the data regarding the user generated field panel event and appended identification data to the workstation; and

\_\_\_\_\_ wherein the field panel is further operable to:- store the data regarding the user generated field panel event in a buffer; and block subsequent user generated field panel events if the buffer is full.

Claim 20 (original). The system of claim 19 wherein the buffer is operable to store data regarding multiple user-generated field panel events.

Claim 21 (new). The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of executing at the field panel a control operation for a building control system actuator.